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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Occupation of the Military Installations in the Area of the</u>		
<u>Eighth Gds Mech Div</u>		
VALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	
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1. Between 1 and 6 October 1954, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick (8242) was occupied as previously by approximately 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 3 October, 50 three-ton trailers for the installation were unloaded at the Taucha railroad station. On 4 October, 2 T-34 tanks and 1 JSU-122 gun were entrained at the railroad station. On 6 October, 17 tank trucks and 9 motorcycles left the installation and proceeded northward. It was assumed that the motor transport unit stationed in the installation was equipped with at least 50 trucks. 25X1
2. Between 4 and 8 October, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was about 66 percent occupied by approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. Approximately 20 truck trailers and 4 to 5 trucks were seen in the yard. On 8 October, 3 sidecar motorcycles engaged in driving practice in the vicinity of the installation. 25X1
3. On 6 October, the Flak Kaserne (8241) in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by approximately 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. Training with infantry weapons and 2 x 57-mm AT guns was observed. 25X1
4. On 8 October, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied as previously by 700 to 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. No heavy weapons were observed. An unusually large number of young officers with closely cropped hair were seen in the installation. Between 4 and 6 October no loadings or unloadings were observed at the Rueckmarsdorf railroad station. After 14 October, the units returned by road to the installation. Materiel observed with the units included numerous armored personnel carriers and 6 rocket launchers, presumably of model M-13. 25X1

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5. On 8 October, the barracks installation (1161) in Borna was occupied by only a guard unit. Since an unusually large number of officers' families were seen in the town, it was believed that the units would soon return.

6. Railroadmen stated that approximately 30 troop trains were seen on the Dresden-Meissen railroad line and westward between 13 and 16 October. On 16 October, a train with 20 T-34 tanks [redacted] was seen at the Meissen railroad station.

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7. The units which left Grimma in 3 shipments on 12 October, had apparently not yet returned to the post on 16 October. During the night on 14 October, other units with armored personnel carriers, BA-64 armored scout cars, trucks and jeeps arrived in Grimma from the Schwepnitz training grounds. At noon on 16 October, T-34 tanks [redacted]

1 SP gun, armored personnel carriers and several trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. Observations in Leipzig and Borna indicate that the units of the 8th Gds Mech Div had not yet returned on 8 October. The departure toward the east of units of the division from Grimma in the morning on 12 October, the return to Leipzig-Schoenau on about 14 October and the westbound trains which passed through Meissen and included a shipment of tanks of the division, which were unloaded in Grimma prior to 16 October, all indicate that major elements of the division conducted exercises in the Koenigsbrueck area and subsequently returned to their winter quarters. [redacted]

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